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LONDONDERRY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
EMBEZZLING OVER \$350,000 FROM FORMER EMPLOYERS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and FBI Special Agent in Charge Kenneth W. Kaiser report that Irene Nutter pled guilty to two counts of insurance fraud today in connection with embezzling about \$353,792 from two of her former employers.

Nutter, who is 41 years old and who lives in Londonderry, New Hampshire, pled guilty to defrauding Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., of about \$226,671, and defrauding Allmerica Financial Corporation of about \$127,121. Both companies have offices in Bedford, New Hampshire, and both had employed Nutter. Nutter worked as a claims examiner for Sedgwick and as a claims adjuster for Allmerica. She used her access to the companies' claims management systems to create fictitious insurance claims, which she caused to be paid with corporate funds that she in turn used for her personal benefit. The embezzlements from Sedgwick occurred from January 2003, through June 2005, and the thefts from Allmerica occurred from April 1998, through June 2000.

FBI agents arrested Nutter on July 8, 2005, in connection with the thefts from Sedgwick. She was arraigned later that day and released on her own recognizance. In the ensuing months, the FBI continued its investigation, which led to the discovery of thefts from Allmerica. On December 5, 2005, the United States Attorney's Office filed an information against Nutter charging her with insurance fraud for stealing from both companies. She pled guilty to those charges today in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2006. Nutter is facing possible maximum prison terms of 10 years on each charge and possible maximum fines totaling \$707,584.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.